

### AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 23 according to the following listing of claims. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions of claims in this application.

- 1-9. (Cancelled)
10. (Previously presented) A method of treatment of a colon disorder in an individual comprising oral administration of a therapeutically effective amount of a recombinant food grade gram-positive bacterium expressing a trefoil peptide in the colon of said individual.
11. (Previously presented) The method of claim 10, wherein the colon disorder involves lesions.
- 12-20. (Cancelled)
21. (Previously presented) The method of claim 31, wherein the lactic acid fermenting bacterium is *Lactococcus* or *Lactobacillus*.
22. (Previously presented) The method of claim 21, wherein the *Lactococcus* is *Lactococcus lactis*.
23. (Currently amended) The method of claim 10, wherein the trefoil peptide is ~~TEF1~~ TFF1 peptide.
24. (Previously presented) The method of claim 10, wherein the colon disorder is Crohn's disease (enteritis regionalis), ulcerative colitis (colitis ulcerosa) or acute colitis.
25. (Cancelled).

26. (Previously presented) The method of claim 10, wherein the oral administration is by a gastric catheter.
27. (Previously presented) The method of claim 10, wherein the recombinant food grade gram-positive bacterium comprises a recombinant vector comprising coding sequence of said trefoil peptide under the control of a suitable promoter sequence and a suitable secretion signal sequence.
28. (Previously presented) The method of claim 10, wherein the recombinant food grade gram-positive bacterium comprises the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1, SEQ ID NO: 2, or SEQ ID NO: 3.
29. (Cancelled)
30. (Previously presented) The method of claim 10, wherein the therapeutically effective amount of said recombinant food grade gram-positive bacterium is at least  $10^8$  cells of said bacterium.
31. (Previously presented) The method of claim 10, wherein the recombinant food grade gram-positive bacterium is a lactic acid fermenting bacterium.
32. (Previously presented) The method of claim 10, wherein the individual is a human or an animal.